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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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☐ in computer readable form
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	6-14, 18	YES
	Claims	1-5, 15-17, 19-24	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	6-10, 18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
1. Reference is made to the following documents:			
D1: WO 00/73204			
D2: WO 03/094226			
2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1			
2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).			
Document D1 discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document):			
a method for arranging a conduction structure (carbon nanotubes) on a substrate (abstract) comprising the following method steps of:			
a) producing a separable connection between at least one transfer carrier (substrate) and the conduction structure (carbon nanotubes) (claim 1),			
b) joining together the transfer carrier (substrate) with the conduction structure (carbon nanotubes) and the substrate (second substrate), with the result that a connection between the conduction structure			

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(carbon nanotubes) and the substrate (second substrate) is produced which is stronger than the separable connection between the transfer carrier (substrate) and the conduction structure (carbon nanotubes) (page 5, line 20 - page 6, line 6),
c) separating the separable connection between the transfer carrier (substrate) and the conduction structure (carbon nanotubes) of the transfer carrier (substrate), the connection between the conduction structure (carbon nanotubes) and the substrate (second substrate) being maintained (claim 1).

Therefore, the subject matter of **claim 1** is not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 20

3.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of **claim 20** is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D2 discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document):

a substrate comprising a conduction structure (nanotube) which is connected to the substrate at a substrate contact area (conductor track) of the substrate and at at least one further substrate contact area (conductor track) of the substrate (claim 1, steps (a) and (b)), characterized in that the conduction structure (nanotube) has nanotubes between the two substrate contact areas (conductor tracks), said nanotubes being oriented from the

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substrate contact area to the further substrate
contact area (claim 5).

Therefore, the subject matter of **claim 20** is not
novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-10, 15-24

Claims 2-10, 15-24 do not contain any features
which, in combination with the features of any claim
to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for
novelty and inventive step.

5 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 11-15

The combination of features contained in dependent
claims 11-15 is neither known from nor suggested by
the available prior art. The reasons are as follows:
none of the search report citations discloses or
suggests the use of a macromolecule from the group
deoxyribonucleic acid and/or protein as a transfer
carrier substance for the production of a separable
connection between a transfer carrier and a
conduction structure.

It will appear from the description on pages 1, 2
and 9, 10 that the nanotubes are a feature that is
essential to the definition of the invention. It is
pointed out to the applicant that each independent
claim must include all the technical features
essential to the definition of the invention (PCT
Article 6 in conjunction with PCT Rule 6.3(b)).